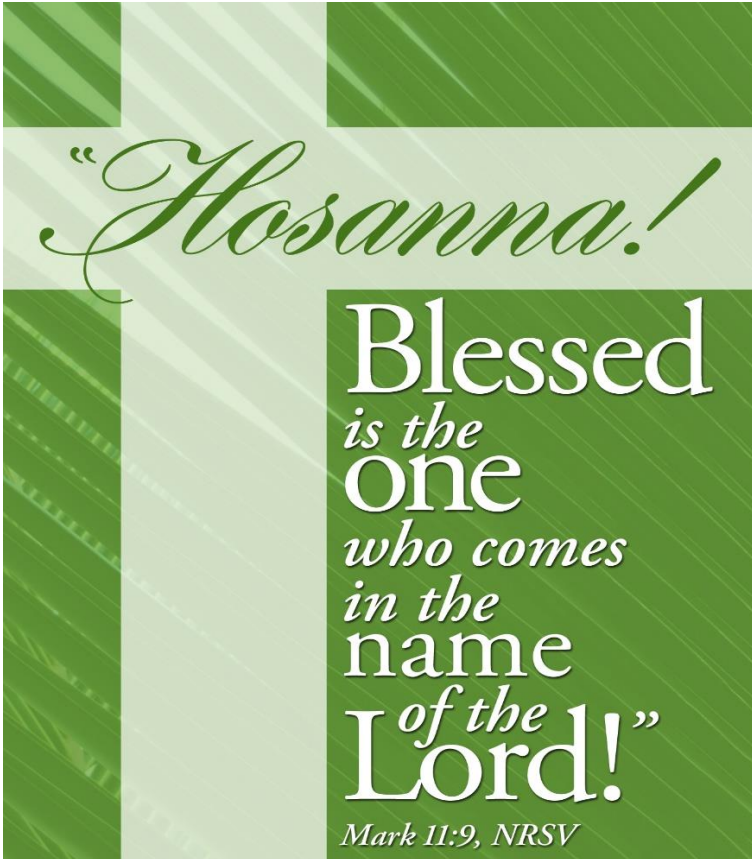


Palm Sunday

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Epiphany Lutheran Church

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Epiphany Lutheran Church – Connecting People to Christ and One Another! Welcome, we are happy to have you here!

- Welcome to worship! We are glad you are here. If we can do anything to serve you, please speak with an usher, deacon, or Pastor Mueller.
- Today's service will include Holy Communion. Those who communion share the confession of this congregation and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The following is what we confess together: *"I have been baptized in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. I confess and repent of my sin. I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior and my Lord. I believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine of Holy Communion. I believe that in this Sacrament God gives me the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and salvation."* Children and adults not receiving the Sacrament are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are still learning about our confession, or if you hold a different confession, Pastor Mueller looks forward to speaking with you further about the blessings of the Lord's Supper.
- We encourage families to worship with their children. There are blue binders with paper and crayons on the bookcase at the back of the Sanctuary for use during the service.
- Our Guests are invited to complete a worship card (found in the pew pocket), including prayer requests. Members are asked to use the worship card for prayer requests and updating contact information. Cards will be gathered by the ushers after the Gospel reading. Due to privacy concerns, we ask that, if possible, permission be granted by the person for whom a prayer is requested. Thank you.
- Please silence your cell phones.
- We use the Lutheran Service Book for Liturgy and Hymns during the service - referenced as "LSB." Unless otherwise noted lyrics are projected on the screen.

Based on Divine Service Setting Two

As We Gather: Hosanna!

"Hosanna!" the crowd cries to Jesus, as He enters Jerusalem on a donkey's back on Palm Sunday. Hosanna means "save us now!", and they shout this to Jesus, whose name means "God saves." Today, we gather in worship of the one who saves. Hosanna!

+Preparation +

Welcome

Call to Worship *Psalm 118*

P We call out with the Psalmist,

C **"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"**

LSB# 442 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P On this Palm Sunday of our Lord, we join the crowds in calling our "hosannas" to the Son of David, our King. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

C **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Holy Gospel - John 12:12-19

Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey's back.

P The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out,

C **"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"**

P And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

C **"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"**

P His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So, the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

P This is the gospel of the Lord.

C Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

P Let us pray. Merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem gathered with hosannas to greet Your Son,

C in the same way, open our lips to cry our hosannas to the King who comes to save us;

P through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen. Hosanna to the King!

Confession and Absolution

P As we call out our "hosannas" to Jesus our King, we confess our need for God's salvation.

Silent confession.

P Almighty God,

C We confess before you and our brothers and sisters that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned, Lord God. We have not done what is right. We have wronged our neighbors. We have fallen short of your glory. In the name of our King, we cry: Hosanna! Save us, Lord, according to your steadfast mercy. Amen.

P Each of us has fallen short of the glory of God. But God in His mercy sent the one who answers our cries of "hosanna." He has

come to save you: riding on a donkey's back to be your Savior from sin, even upon a cross. For His sake, your "hosannas" have been answered with grace. Hear the words of absolution in His name and for His sake: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna in the highest!

Choir Anthem – "On That Day When He Rode into Jerusalem"

+Service of the Word+

Old Testament – Zechariah 9:9-12

The King comes humbly on a donkey.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna in the highest!

Epistle - Philippians 2:5-11

Because of His humble death, Christ has been exalted by the Father.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

L Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna in the highest!

Children's Message

(Please pass completed worship cards to the side aisles.)

LSB #443 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Homily - "Signs"

John 12:12-19

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Following "Lord in Your mercy," please respond "**hear our prayer.**"

+ Service of the Sacrament +

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (*sung LSB page 208*)

- C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim
shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C Amen.**

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei *(sung LSB page 210)*

C O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,

**You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Distribution

Please follow the usher's directions. Those who are able are invited to kneel at the railing. Hold your hand up to receive the host; this assists the Pastor or Deacon to recognize those desiring to commune. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms. Individual cups of wine (red) or non-alcoholic wine (white – in the center of the tray) will be offered. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Following the blessing, you may deposit your cup in the collection bowl located by each side aisle before returning to your seat.

LSB #343 "Prepare the Royal Highway"

LSB #570 "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

Nunc Dimittis (*sung LSB page 211*)

**☐ O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,**

**God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LSB #617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

LSB # 728 "How Firm a Foundation"

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Readings for Next Sunday March 31st
Isiah 25:6-9; I Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

Sunday Adult Education Class 10:30 - 11:30 am

Today – Daniel 11 led by Alanna Davis

March 31st – No Class – Easter Breakfast

Elementary Sunday School

Today – Jesus Brings Lazarus Back to Life led by Mary Abdi

March 31st – No Class – Easter Breakfast

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to everyone who helped us stuff over 8,000 eggs for the Egg Hunt this year! This could not have been accomplished without all those who donated candy and toys, who took eggs home or enjoyed the stuffing parties on Wednesday nights!

REMINDER there is a short Volunteer Meeting for the Egg Hunt at 11:30 am (after Education Hour) TODAY! If you signed up or are interested in helping but forgot, please make the time to be there for about half an hour so we can be ready for a great event this weekend!

SOCIAL MINISTRIES would appreciate any donations of travel size toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc.) to be used for gift sets for the Compass Center Women's Shelter. Donations can be left in a box in the Narthex until March 24th. Thank you!

A SPRING WORK PARTY is being planned for Saturday, April 20 starting at 9 am when we will spend a few hours trimming, weeding, pruning, and sweeping around the grounds. Many hands always make the labor light. Please contact Jeff Hughes with any inquiries.

REMINDER: Anyone attending fellowship after church, please remember to dispose of your compostable coffee cups in the "Compost" bin. Thank you!

WE WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT to celebrate Diane Carbone's exceptional leadership and dedication as Epiphany's President for the past six years. Diane's unwavering commitment has been instrumental in making each meeting a warm, welcoming, and productive environment for all. Her tireless efforts and passion for serving the church have left a lasting impact on our community.

As we embark on the search for a new President, we reflect on Diane's outstanding contributions and the positive influence she has had on Epiphany. If you are interested in running for this important position or know someone who would be a perfect fit, please reach out to Lori Hughes at 425-681-4660 or Lori@corcoranlp.com. Your involvement will help us continue Diane's legacy of excellence and service to Epiphany.

NOTES

As we observe Holy Week, please join us for these special times of worship and fellowship.

Holy Week

Wednesday 3/27, 6 pm

Showing of "The Passion of the Christ"

Maundy Thursday 3/28, 7 pm

Service with Holy Communion

Good Friday 3/29, 7 pm

Tenebrae Service

Easter Weekend

Saturday 3/30, 2 pm

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday 3/31

Divine Service with Holy Communion 9 am

Easter Breakfast and Fellowship 10:30 am

| Serving Today | |
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| Deacons: | Nick Borer and Eric Brod |
| Ushers: | TBD |
| Musicians: | Mary Abdi |
| Lector: | Paul Brott |
| Greeter: | Steve and Rita Bauman |
| Coffee Hosts: | OPEN |
| Altar Guild: | Lynn Brown and Susie Borer |
| Counters: | Dawn Cross and Vada Besch |
| Power Point: | Alanna Davis |
| <i>No Flowers - Lent</i> | |

| Serving Next Sunday, March 31st | |
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| Deacons: | Eric Brod and Ryan Erdmann |
| Ushers: | Ted Rhoades |
| Musicians: | Mary Abdi |
| Lector: | Jim Beckmeyer |
| Greeter: | Janet Broadus and Joan Rey |
| Coffee Hosts: | Easter Breakfast |
| Altar Guild: | Mary Abdi and Melinda Troberg |
| Counters: | Janet Helseth and Julie Martin |
| Power Point: | Rita Bauman |
| Flowers: | Lilies |

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